

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice Draft Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit Newton Power Station

The Illinois EPA is planning to issue revisions to the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for the Newton Power Station, located at 6725 N. 500th St., in Newton. The facility is a coal-fired power plant owned by Illinois Power Generating Company. Revisions to the permit are planned under procedures for a reopening proceeding specified at Section 39.5(15)(c) of the Environmental Protection Act. These revisions, if issued as planned, would address additional air pollution control requirements that are applicable to the facility to bring the permit up-to-date. In addition, other revisions to the permit are planned that would qualify as significant modifications to the permit. The permit would be revised to fully approve the Compliance Assurance Monitoring Plan for the emissions of particulate matter from the two coal-fired boilers. In this regard, the emission testing that was required by the conditional approval of this plan has been completed. Revisions would also be made to certain provisions of the permit to reflect refinements made in the CAAPP permits for other coal-fired power plants in Illinois and other refinements now being requested by the source.

Based on its review, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that these revisions would meet the applicable standards for issuance and has prepared a comprehensive draft CAAPP permit reflecting all permit revisions for public review. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the revisions which must be postmarked by midnight on August 13, 2016. If sufficient interest is expressed in the draft CAAPP permit, a hearing or other informational meeting may be held. Requests for information should be directed to Jillian Hawkins, Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Ave. East, PO Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/524-0922, TDD phone 217/782-9143, jillian.hawkins@illinois.gov.

A repository of documents for these permitting actions is at the Illinois EPA's offices at 1021 N. Grand Avenue East in Springfield, 217/782-7027 and 2125 South First Street in Champaign, 217/278-5800 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the draft CAAPP permit and its statement of basis may also be available on the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/general-notices/index> and upon request.

The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act (CAA). In addition to implementing Title V of the CAA, CAAPP permits may also contain Title I Conditions, (i.e., conditions established under the pre-construction permit program for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the Act) that have been established brand new denoted as T1N or that have been revised denoted as T1R. The draft CAAPP permit contains T1R conditions in sections 7.1.9 and 7.2.6. The draft CAAPP permit would not contain certain T1N conditions.